

our children. Let us balance the budget in 7 years.

AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO FACTS ABOUT ETHICS INVESTIGATION INTO SPEAKER'S TIES TO GOPAC

(Mr. BONIOR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BONIOR. Mr. Speaker, the Hartford Courant says that the Ethics Committee investigation of Speaker GINGRICH has "the foul odor of cover-up." How much longer is the Ethics Committee going to let this charade continue?

We now know that four members of the Ethics Committee—including the chairwoman herself—have ties to GOPAC. The same GOPAC which financed the Speaker's own campaigns to the tune of \$250,000 a year.

The evidence against Speaker GINGRICH is so damning that last week, two of the three Republicans at the FEC voted to make their evidence public.

Mr. Speaker, I am here today to call on the chairwoman and the members of the Ethics Committee to fully disclose their ties to GOPAC. And I am calling on the Speaker himself to release the names of past GOPAC donors and release the list of past GOPAC expenses.

Mr. Speaker, if you've got nothing to hide, you've got nothing to be afraid of. But if you keep dragging your feet, the American people have a right to ask: what are you trying to hide?

AMERICAN PEOPLE WANT A BALANCED BUDGET AND NOT CHARACTER ASSASSINATION

(Mr. HAYWORTH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HAYWORTH. Mr. Speaker, I listened with great interest to my friend, the minority whip, trying to whip this body into a rage with an editorial from the Hartford Courant. It is interesting, Mr. Speaker, to hear really the poster boy of American liberal journalism, Bob Woodward, on "Meet the Press" this weekend, saying in effect that all of these chargers were trumped up, that there was no reason to attack the Speaker on any of these things.

In fact what we see, Mr. Speaker, is a minority so bereft of ideas, so unwilling to come to the table, so unwilling to address the central question, which is balancing this budget in 7 years, that they will try any tactic of character assassination, any exaggeration, anything to avoid the point.

Mr. Speaker, the American people want it now, they want it simply, they want us to face up to the challenges they put us here to face up to. They want us to balance the budget and not to engage in character assassination.

GATORS SCORE SEC THREE-PEAT

(Mrs. THURMAN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. THURMAN. Mr. Speaker, for the Florida Gators, it's 12 down and 1 to go.

That's right, after thrashing the Arkansas Razorbacks 34 to 3 for a Southeastern Conference three-peat, the fighting Gators from the University of Florida will be meeting the Nebraska Cornhuskers in the Fiesta Bowl on January 2 to settle the question of who is the No. 1 team in the Nation.

Guess whom I'll be rooting for?

The undefeated Gators, led by the tactical brilliance of coach Steve Spurrier and the pinpoint accuracy of quarterback Danny Wuerffel, stomped 12 opponents during this record year. The Gator offense left their opponents dazzled and befuddled, while the defense did the rest.

Never before have the University of Florida Fighting Gators played for a national championship. To all the dedicated coaches and gifted athletes of the 1995 University of Florida football team—and on behalf of the proud alumni, congratulations on an already historic year.

And look out Nebraska, cause the Gators will be growling again in the Fiesta Bowl.

LET THE BEST TEAM WIN

(Mr. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I cannot let go unchallenged a laying down of the gauntlet like that from my friend, the gentlewoman from Florida [Mrs. THURMAN]. As a Cornhusker and a proud supporter of Tom Osborne and the next Heisman trophy winner, Tommie Frazier, we are looking forward to our January 2 meeting with the third Florida team in 3 years.

To refresh the memory of the gentlewoman from Florida, 2 years ago we lost to Florida State. Last year we beat the University of Miami for the national championship. This year we are looking forward to repeating our national claim to that trophy. We are anxious to have at our helm, a Florida individual from Bradenton, FL, Tommie Frazier, who we are all hoping will win that Heisman trophy award.

It is going to be a fun game. I will see my colleague in Florida, and we look forward to a great, great game. Let the best team win.

FORTY YEARS AGO TODAY

(Mr. LEWIS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEWIS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, 40 years ago today, December 5, 1955, the Montgomery bus boycott began after Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat and move to the back of the bus. It marked the beginning of a long and difficult struggle toward equal rights and civil rights in this Nation.

Forty years later, those signs that I saw growing up in the rural south, those signs that said colored men, white men, colored women, white women, colored waiting, white waiting, are gone.

We have witnessed what I like to call a nonviolent revolution in America. It is a time and a period that we will never go back to, but we must never forget.

On the occasion of this important anniversary, I want to pay tribute to the leaders of that struggle, to Rosa Parks and to my late great mentor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

We have come a long way toward achieving what Dr. King called the "beloved community", but we still have a long way to go. Let us, on this anniversary, rededicate ourselves to building a truly inter-racial democracy in America. For in truth, we are one nation, one people, one house, the American House.

IT IS TIME FOR PRESIDENT CLINTON TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT BALANCING THE BUDGET

(Mr. CHABOT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHABOT. Mr. Speaker, President Clinton has said time and time again that he supports a balanced Federal budget. True, he has never actually proposed such a plan, but because of the Balanced Budget Act passed by this Congress, he has now got an opportunity to walk the walk, not merely talk the talk.

The President made a start last month when he agreed with this Congress to balance the budget in 7 years. Of course, the very next day, his chief of staff, Leon Panetta, told the American people that they should not read too much into that. But, Mr. Speaker, I am willing to take the President at his word, even if his own chief of staff apparently does not.

Mr. Speaker, the Congress has brought to the negotiating table a detailed balanced budget proposal. The President thus far has brought only press releases. The President can accept our plan, or he can tell us how much more he wants to spend and just where he is going to find the money to pay for it.

With a Federal debt at nearly \$5 trillion, it is time for the President to get off the dime. Mr. President, let us work together to balance the budget.

VOTE AGAINST H.R. 2099, VA-HUD AND INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

(Mr. FLAKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FLAKE. Mr. Speaker, while I would like to commend the conferees on their efforts to increase funding for

veteran medical care, I must rise in opposition to H.R. 2099, the VA-HUD and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act.

Mr. Speaker, in its current form, this bill eliminates two programs which promoted comprehensive and effective economic growth in disadvantaged communities—the community development financial institutions and the economic development initiative fund.

Through these programs, low-income individuals were given the opportunity to start their own businesses, small children benefited from community centers that kept them off the streets after school, families gained access to safe and affordable housing and good business was generated for America's financial services industry.

Mr. Speaker, by eliminating these programs, we are launching a double assault on poor communities. In essence, we no longer reward those individuals who take responsibility for improving themselves and creating a better life for their children; while, we simultaneously remove incentives for financial institutions to invest in these communities as well.

Mr. Speaker, we need to commend programs such as the CDFI and EDI fund because they do offer low-income individuals a hand-up, not a hand-out, which I am sure my colleagues on both sides of the aisle can appreciate.

I would urge my colleagues to consider the long-term effect that this disinvestment in America's urban communities will have on this Nation's economy. With that said, I hope my colleague will join me in voting against H.R. 2099.

PRESIDENT SHOULD SIGN BALANCED BUDGET

(Mr. BALLENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BALLENGER. Mr. Speaker, I am no great defender of the Washington press corps, but let me share this quote from this week's Newsweek magazine:

Unfortunately, the White House isn't yet truly bargaining. President Clinton has endorsed a balanced budget but has flagrantly misrepresented the GOP budget. He says it would "destroy" Medicare. This is an absurd description of a program whose spending would grow 62 percent by 2002. He says that "deep" education cuts would "undermine" schools. But the budget barely touches the largest education program—guaranteed college loans—and all Federal aid to public schools provides only 7 percent of their spending.

Newsweek is absolutely right. The President has only paid lipservice to balancing the budget. While he tries to portray the Republican budget as draconian and mean-spirited, he offers no plan of his own.

Instead of lipservice, the President should sign the balanced budget that is now sitting on his desk.

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BOEING MOVES TO MEXICO

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year American workers in the Boeing Seattle plant won awards and trophies for worker productivity. Thirty days after the speeches and the trophies, Boeing is moving to Mexico; 2,000 more livable wage jobs down the chute.

The facts: Boeing paid \$18 per hour labor wage in Seattle. Boeing will now pay 76 cents an hour labor wage in Mexico. And if you really want to spill your Wheaties, ladies and gentlemen, Mexico has yet to purchase one Boeing jet. Beam me up, Mr. Speaker.

The trade deficit is at a record. Japan and China are literally raping our shores. If you want to get a job in this country, move to Mexico. The biggest export for NAFTA has been American jobs. Shame, Congress. Shame for turning your back on the American workers. What will be left? A couple more McDonald's jobs. Think about it.

ANTITERRORISM LEGISLATION

(Mr. BARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, I am very happy to appear today as a member of the Committee on the Judiciary and a Member of this body very concerned about antiterrorism legislation that gives Government the tools it needs yet respects the rights of all of our citizens here to report to this House that we have worked out through the yeoman efforts of the gentleman from Illinois [Mr. HYDE] of the Committee on the Judiciary a piece of legislation that we intended to bring to the floor of this House very shortly and that goes a long way toward giving the Government the tools that it needs within the bounds of civil liberties, yet does not represent a vast expansion of Federal electronic surveillance power and intrusive technique and does not erode the very strict separation between military and domestic law enforcement by weakening posse comitatus.

I would like to report to the House that we will have before us a piece of legislation that will indeed strengthen our Government's hand to protect us against acts of terrorism yet is very mindful of the civil liberties that all of us, both individually and collectively, enjoy and should enjoy in this country.

NATO

(Mr. FUNDERBURK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FUNDERBURK. Mr. Speaker, the Clinton administration is a constant source of amazement. It is ringing alarm bells about how American boys

need to save NATO by getting knee deep in Bosnia. Yet, while it's preaching about saving NATO, it is championing the cause of an avowed Marxist to be NATO Secretary General.

Last week, the Clinton administration approved the selection of Javier Solana, Spain's Foreign Minister to lead NATO at this supposedly critical time. Mr. Speaker, let me tell you about Mr. Solana. He has spent his life attacking NATO and the United States. He led the Socialist Worker's Party campaign to impose communism on Spain. He is an ally and admirer of Fidel Castro. He is virulently anti-American and represents a country which is not even part of NATO's military command.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Clinton's argument that NATO will crumble in Bosnia without American troops is silly on its face, but to promote the likes of Javier Solana when American lives are on the line is nothing short of outrageous. If this is what Bill Clinton thinks of NATO, then the NATO's 'charter isn't worth the paper it's written on and it certainly isn't worth the life of one single American soldier.

BALANCED BUDGET ACT OF 1995

(Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, it's been more than 2 weeks since President Clinton promised to balance the budget in 7 years. He still doesn't have a plan, but don't worry America, there is a solution.

It's called the Balanced Budget Act of 1995. It's a 7-year plan to balance the budget and ensure a bright future for our children and it's waiting for the President's signature.

I know, I know, Mr. and Mrs. America, you've heard all about the draconian cuts in this bill. But the Balanced Budget Act increases spending by more than \$2.5 trillion during the next 7 years. Medicare spending increases 62 percent, Medicaid spending increases 43 percent, student loan spending increases 49 percent.

Mr. Speaker, the President has it easy. We've already done the work. All he has to do is sign on the dotted line and he has helped save the next generation. Mr. Speaker, I hope he does the right thing—I hope the President signs the Balanced Budget Act of 1995.

BALANCE THE BUDGET NOW

(Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, Americans want Congress and the President to balance the budget and they want a plan now, not next year.